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**METHOD FOR DRYING A PRINTING INK
ON A PRINTING SUBSTRATE, AND PRINT
UNIT SUITED FOR IMPLEMENTING THE
METHOD**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

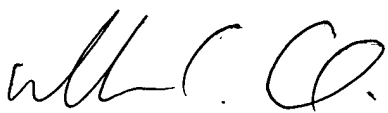
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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	A01	US 6,026,748	Feb. 22, 00	REED et al.	101	424.1	
	A02	US 6,675,494	Jan. 13, 04	OECHSLE et al.	34	245	
	A03	US 2003/0075063	Apr. 24, 03	PITZ	101	424.1	
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	A11	EP 0355 473	Feb. 2, 90	EP – Europe			see US '506	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A12	DE 198 55 940	Jun. 8, 00	DE – Germany			see US '494	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A13	DE 102 34 076	Apr. 24, 03	DE – Germany			see US appl. '063	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A14	DE 101 07 682	Aug. 14, 02	DE – Germany			see specification	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A15	DE 44 35 077	Nov. 9, 95	DE – Germany			see specification	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A16							<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER REFERENCES *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

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